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LOCAL AND FEDERAL COOPERATION BRINGS TWICE CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER TO JUSTICE

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today that Fred D. Bogus, 51, Noblesville, Ind., was sentenced to 235 months in prison today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to receipt and possession of child pornography.

On October 18, 2010, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office received a tip that Bogus may possess child pornography on his computer. Sheriff's deputies determined that Bogus had been previously convicted of four counts of Child Molesting in 1989, and was later convicted of Possession of Child Pornography in 2007. Due to these convictions, Bogus was registering as a sex offender, classified as an Offender Against Children.

After obtaining a search warrant and seizing Bogus's computer later that same day, Sheriff's deputies delivered the computer to the Hamilton County Metro Child Exploitation Task Force for computer forensics to be conducted, where Homeland Security Investigations also became involved. The computer was immediately examined, and a large, well organized collection of child pornography was discovered on Bogus's computer, as well as evidence showing that he downloaded many of the images on September 8, 2010. Working together, federal and local law enforcement partners located Bogus early in the evening of October 18, 2010, and took him into custody. Bogus has remained in custody while the case was pending in federal court. This case was the result of a joint investigation by Homeland Security Investigations, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, the Hamilton County Metro Child Exploitation Task Force, the Carmel Police Department, the Fishers Police Department and the Noblesville Police Department.

"Indiana's citizens are well served by the extremely healthy relationship that has been developed and sustained between federal, state and local law enforcement agencies investigating crimes against children," stated U.S. Attorney Hogsett. "In this office's effort to strengthen

Hoosier communities and take back our streets, we are committed to continuing to work with our federal, state and local law enforcement partners to identify those who are a danger to Hoosier children and bring them to justice immediately. I am proud that a tip to a local law enforcement partner resulted in a joint investigation and the arrest of a dangerous offender less than 24 hours later, and now concludes with a significant and just sentence of imprisonment.”

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney A. Brant Cook, who prosecuted the case for the government, Bogus faced a significant enhancement in his sentence due to his prior sex offenses against children. “Federal sentencing statutes impose stiff penalties on repeat offenders against children,” said Assistant U.S. Attorney Cook. “Offenders with a criminal past of crimes against children can face as much as an additional ten years or more of imprisonment.”

Judge McKinney also imposed lifetime supervised release following Bogus’s release from prison. During the period of supervised release, Bogus must register as a sex offender and take part in a sex offender treatment program, as well as other conditions of release.

Bogus’s charges are part of the ongoing fight to better protect children under Project Safe Childhood. Project Safe Childhood is a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys’ Offices and the Criminal Division’s Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims of child exploitation. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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